

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9 and add the attached new claims 10-18.

REMARKS

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the new claims and the enclosed substitute specification (under 37 CFR 1.125) is respectfully requested. It is believed that the substitute specification and the new claims will facilitate processing of the application in accordance with M.P.E.P. 608.01(q). The substitute specification and the new claims are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 (a and b) and, while making no substantive changes, are submitted to conform this case to the formal requirements and long-established formal standards of U.S. Patent Office practice, and to provide improved idiom and better grammatical form.

The enclosed substitute specification is presented herein in both marked-up and clean versions.

STATEMENT

The undersigned, an agent registered to practice before the Office, hereby states that the enclosed substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification. It does not contain new subject matter.

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Claims

1-9 Canceled

10. (New) A device for electrically connecting an electrical unit to at least one electrical component, the device comprising:
an electrical unit having at least one electrical assembly, wherein the electrical unit is arranged in a case;
at least one electrical component provided outside of the case; and
a flexible foil conductor for connecting the electrical component to the electrical unit, wherein two or more electrical assemblies are provided inside the case and each electrical assembly is connected to one or more associated electrical component via a separate foil conductor.
11. (New) The device according to claim 10, wherein the case comprises a top cover, a circumferential wall, a base plate that preferably forms a single piece with the wall, and at least one bearing plate (5).
12. (New) The device according to claim 11, wherein the electrical unit is mounted to the base plate (3) in such a manner that a space is formed between the electrical unit and the circumferential wall, and the bearing plate is arranged between the wall and the electrical unit.
13. (New) The device according to claim 12, wherein the base plate comprises a recess adjacent to an assembly, and wherein electrical contacts between the assembly and the separate foil conductor extend into the recess.
14. (New) The device according to claim 13, wherein at least one bearing plate is arranged in the recess of the base plate in such a manner that the intermediate foil conductor is connected to the case in a sealing-tight, in particular, in an oiltight

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15. (New) The device according to claim 13, wherein the foil conductor is integrally joined to at least one case part by adhesive bonding or laminating.
16. (New) The device according to claim 15, wherein a seal is arranged between at least one case part and the foil conductor and a shape of the seal follows the shape of a front of the recess.
17. (New) The device according to claim 16, wherein the case part that directly contacts the seal is provided with a groove for receiving the seal.
18. (New) The device according to claim 10, wherein the electrical unit is a control device and that the electrical components arranged outside the case are actuators and/or sensors.